

CITY OF REDMOND ARTS COMMISSION

MINUTES

August 14, 2003

Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chairperson Rebecca LaBrunerie, Kay Tarapolsi, Una McAlinden, Heidi Houghton, Phil Teller, Latha Sambamurti, Kate Cochran; youth advocate Nicole Rollofson

ABSENT AND EXCUSED: Commissioners Cara Byrne, Jill Schmidt; youth advocate Joscelyn Doleac

STAFF PRESENT: Melna Skillingstead, Arts Administrator

AUDIENCE PRESENT: C. B. Bell III, Valerie Gilbert, Lisa Brown

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AGENDA

Note: Bold/italic text denotes Staff and Commissioner follow-up resulting from this meeting.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Rebecca LaBrunerie called to order the regular meeting of the Redmond Arts Commission (RAC) at 7:00 p.m. at the Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center (ORSCC).

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion for approval of the RAC minutes of July 10, 2003 as submitted by:

Commissioner Tarapolsi

Second by: Commissioner Houghton

Motion carried: 7-0 unanimous

III. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Visual Arts:

- Art Outside the Box: postponed to September meeting
- *Not Hollywood* Proposal: postponed to September meeting
- Staff Report: Call for Artists

IV. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Cochran reported that in speaking with Charlie Rathbun regarding the survey, no events offered would be appropriate.

Skillingstead reported that she will be working with the African American Photographers Association who have proposed doing two short photography exhibits, one at City Hall and the other at ORSCC (prior to the ORSCC scheduled exhibit in October). Valerie Gilbert, of the Association, stated the exhibits would represent two themes: (1) “Night Life” (at City Hall), and (2) “Family” (at ORSCC). The photographs would be hung in August, and scheduled for an opening reception on September 5. Takedown would be September 25.

Gilbert, along with two other members from the Association, C. B. Bell III and Lisa Brown, showed slides of photos and two framed photographs, representing what would be displayed in the show.

The Association has their own guest list. ***Skillingstead will contact the Redmond Reporter for publicity.*** Skillingstead noted the only expense to the City (approximately \$20-\$30) would be printing 500 postcards. Commissioners were receptive of the photographs. Skillingstead affirmed that the separate postcard notices would be sent to the Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit open house on September 20, and the ORSCC exhibit opening on 10/9/03.

V. GENERAL RAC BUSINESS

A. Chair/Vice Chair

LaBrunerie reported on the coffee meeting she had with Lori Snodgrass, Park Board Chairperson, where they exchanged activity reports. She noted the following:

- A study session schedule is available for the new City Hall.
- Danny Hopkins, Parks and Recreation Director, would like an Arts Commissioner on the City Hall design committee, which would be formed after the mayoral/council election.
- Snodgrass offered ideas for the Redmond Art Walk.
- A combined “park/art” program could be done with the RCTV videotaping.

Commissioners acknowledged the meeting as good relationship-building between the Board and Commission.

B. Continuing Business – Task List

Tarapolsi circulated the updated Task List for Commissioners to note the date of items completed.

VI. Visual Arts

A. Project(s) Status

1. Outdoor Art Exhibit and Flyer Approval

Tarapolsi reported on the installations for the Outdoor Art Exhibit:

- June 26: four artists were installed, including the pieces at the Redmond Library by the loading dock and around the back of the library.
- August 4: artists installed (for a total of 11), including the “Boxes” from the U of W artist. Tarapolsi noted that a photographer from the *Redmond Reporter* was to have come to the August 4 installation, but failed to show.
- After August 4: Doe Starr installed her exhibit.
- August 25: two more pieces coming from Ohio.

Tarapolsi attended the Bellevue Art Fair and found prospective artists for the 2004 sculpture garden. Commissioners looked at sample photos. In addition, McAlinden circulated a brochure with photos of an outdoor sculpture garden set in woodlands, located at the Fine Arts Center in Port Angeles.

Schmidt was contacted by Richard Ruiz, a graphic designer, who offered to be involved in the garden brochure design. He created the opening invitation postcards and also will be designing a booklet, which will be produced on the City’s color copier. Tarapolsi showed a sample page of the booklet that will accommodate 13 artists and a map.

McAlinden emphasized promoting the booklet and exhibit with the schools this year. Houghton suggested inviting the school board and other school officials/staff to the opening in September. ***McAlinden will follow up with this at the Arts Education Committee meeting.***

2. Reservoir Park Sculpture

Houghton asked staff about holding a dedication for the *Eagle and Salmon on Stump* carving at Reservoir Park to acknowledge the Redmond artist, David Barnhart. She believed it was very important to not delay in acknowledging the artist, especially since he is from Redmond. Commissioners and Skillingstead discussed a date and time, and agreed upon October 16 at 4:00 p.m. ***Skillingstead will arrange the October 16 dedication and publicity in the Focus magazine.***

LaBrunerie will do a write up on the artist and Larry Andrews, the Public Works employee who initiated the project idea.

3. Upcoming Dedications

- ORSCC Gallery Opening – October 9, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (prior to RAC meeting)
- Reservoir Park Sculpture Dedication – October 16, 4:00 p.m.
- Fire Station Plaza Dedication – November 19, 4:00 p.m.

4. Art Outside the Box

Postponed to September meeting

B. Funding Needs

None

C. Marketing

None

D. New Business

1. Not Hollywood Proposal

Postponed to September meeting

E. Staff Reports

1. SAM Art Loan Status

Skillingstead received a request from Mayor Ives to temporarily relocate a Dudley Carter piece during the remodeling of the Seattle Art Museum where it is currently displayed. It must be moved in September and be relocated for about three years. SAM contacted the City because Carter was a Redmond resident. Tarapolsi contacted Miguel Llanos of the Redmond Library, who has since met with SAM. The Library Art Committee will meet to approved the piece. Skillingstead noted the library is the first location choice, with the Public Safety Building or City Hall as back up locations.

2. Call for Artists

Skillingstead showed a postcard designed for Call for Artists for the Perrigo and Grass Lawn artwork. These will go to those on the artists' mailing list as well as the online organizations. Tarapolsi asked that a Call be sent to the Outdoor Sculpture Garden artists' mailing list as well. *Skillingstead will follow up with a mailing to the Outdoor Sculpture Garden artists' list.* Skillingstead asked Commissioners for any other additional names for mailing.

An art selection panel will review the artists on October 22. Elizabeth Conner (professional artist), members from the Park Board and the Arts Commission, a park planner, one or two community representatives will comprise the panel. Skillingstead asked that an Arts Commissioner consider serving on the panel.

Skillingstead will write the Grass Lawn RFP, as well as a postcard grant notification for deadlines.

VII. Performing/Literary Arts

A. Project(s) Status

1. Arts in the Parks

Skillingstead distributed Arts in the Parks evaluation forms completed by the public. LaBrunerie noted one citizen would like to make a donation. Skillingstead reported good attendance at the concerts, e.g., over 200 at the *One World Taiko* performance August 10. Youth advocate Rollofson reported approximately 50 students attended the DJ Tumbleweed performance (about 35 were skaters). She believed the show might have attracted more students if it was held at the Teen Center.

Skillingstead reported it was decided that an ad to advertise the concert would not be put on the Hip Hop art wall due to difficulty in finding a person to do the process and that it would be too much. She noted that Corey Browning, who teaches urban art classes at the Teen Center, has contacts with young artists whose talents could potentially be used for the Art Outside the Box project.

2. Winter Performance Series (WPS) – Artist Reviews

Sambamurti has reviewed performing artists' audition packets from past years, and noted there were a few to recommend for the winter series. She will select candidates, contact the artist to verify their fees and availability, then recommend her selection to RAC at the September meeting. *Circus Contraption* and *Theatre Simple* are scheduled as part of the King County Performance Network. McAlinden asked Sambamurti to take into account during her review those who have performed in the past, their popularity, and number of times performed, etc. (positive and negative).

A copy of the WPS budget 2003-04 was distributed.

Sambamurti asked the following to be included on the task list:

- ***Pick up boxes of past artists' packets from Skillingstead***
- ***Review artists' packets***
- ***Contact the candidates to confirm their current fees, etc.***
- ***Present short list of recommended candidates to RAC at September meeting***

- *Work on and update the budget as needed*

LaBrunerie suggested marketing in the newspapers every week for the WPS. Houghton added that she contacted Penny Orloff for suggestions on marketing the series. Orloff offered good ideas regarding how the business works and how far in advance to plan. Houghton proposed that she, along with Sambamurti and Skillingstead, meet with Ms. Orloff with a prepared list of questions for her. *Sambamurti, Houghton, and Skillingstead will follow up.*

3. *Yours Multiculturally*

Postponed until the Performing Arts budget is increased.

B. Funding Needs

None

C. Marketing

None

D. New Business

None

E. Staff Reports

1. Arts in the Parks Update

See VII.A.1.

2. Phone Info Line

Skillingstead reported that the Arts in the Parks concert information is on the phone info line, which also directs the caller to the City's RAC web site. Skillingstead noted the phone info line is time-intensive to do the recordings, write the script, and maintain it. She would like a volunteer on an ongoing basis to maintain the line. Skillingstead asked the Visual Arts Committee to write a script on visual arts information for the phone line. *The Committee will follow up with a script.*

VIII. Arts Education

A. Project(s) Status

- The Committee is on hiatus.
- Skillingstead reported that postcards will be mailed announcing grant deadlines for both the Arts Education Grant and Organizational Support Grant.

- Skillingstead announced that 20 newly color-printed curriculum manuals (K-2) are now for sale. The first order was processed at a cost of \$50, plus \$5.00 shipping/handling, plus tax, equaling \$59.84. She noted the sale copies are in ORSCC in the cupboard outside of Room 201. Tarapolsi, Teller, Houghton, and Cochran requested draft copies for information and/or marketing purposes only. *Skillingstead will provide draft copies to them.*

B. Funding Needs

None

C. Marketing

None

D. New Business

None

E. Youth Advocate Report

Youth advocates Doleac and Rollofson promoted the DJ Tumbleweed production. Rollofson volunteered to also help with the Winter Performance Series marketing.

F. Staff Reports

1. SecondStory Repertory Donation

Tarapolsi suggested donating two tickets to Winter Performance Series for the SecondStory Repertory auction. Skillingstead believed that City assets could not be donated, however, *she will investigate and respond to Tarapolsi.*

Teller suggested a mayor-signed Arts in the Parks poster. Skillingstead offered to make a “dream catcher” to donate.

IX. Staff Reports

A. September 18 RAC Retreat

The RAC retreat will be held on 9/18/03 at the Adair House, Anderson Park, at 5:30 p.m. with a potluck. McAlinden suggested inviting the Parks Director, Danny Hopkins, to the dinner portion. *Skillingstead will follow up on the invitation to Hopkins.*

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by: Commissioner McAlinden
Second by: Commissioner Tarapolsi
Motion carried: 7-0 unanimous

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Recording Secretary, Pam Maybee

NEXT REDMOND ARTS COMMISSION MEETING:
***Televised Meeting:* September 11, 2003**
Public Safety Building – Council Chambers
7:00 p.m.

Redmond Arts Commission

Meeting: August 14, 2003

Audience Present

Please note: Information provided at this public meeting becomes part of the City's permanent record.

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